

PROPOSED PROGRAMME -DRAFT



**2026 HATAB ANNUAL CONFERENCE
MAUN LODGE, MAUN
22 - 23 APRIL 2026**

THEME:

***"REDEFINING TOURISM STRATEGIES TO RESHAPE THE BOTSWANA TOURISM
LANDSCAPE."***

DAY 1: WEDNESDAY 22 APRIL 2026

ARRIVAL OF DELEGATES

19:00

**Welcome Cocktail Reception by Stanbic Bank
Venue: Cresta Maun**

DAY 2: THURSDAY 23 APRIL 2026

TIME	SESSION	SPEAKER
07:00 – 08:00	Registration (All seated by 08:15)	Secretariat
08:30 – 10:40	SESSION ONE OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY	Director of Proceedings: Ms. Cathy Malejane
08:30 – 08:35	Introduction of Dignitaries	District Commissioner
08:35 – 08:45	Welcome Remarks	Batawana Paramount Chief
08:45 – 09:00	Chairperson's Remarks	HATAB Chairperson
09:00 – 09:20	Official Opening	Hon. Wynter Mmolotsi (Minister of Environment and Tourism)
09:20-09:30	Vote of Thanks	Area Member of Parliament
09:30-10:00	Modernising Immigration Systems and Visas	Ms. Baleseng Hikwama, (Deputy Permanent Secretary) Ministry of

		Labour and Home Affairs) Moderator: Basimane Tshepe , Acting Head of Business & Commercial Banking, Stanbic Bank
10:00-10:15	Questions and Answers	All
10:15 - 10:40	TEA BREAK	All Delegates
10:40 - 13:10	SESSION TWO	
10:40 - 11:10	Strengthening the Investment Climate to promote tourism growth	Hon. Baratiwa Mathoothe(Assistant Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship) Moderator: Mr Thekiso Mothibi, Hollard Life
10:10 - 11:20	Questions and Answers	ALL
11:20 - 11:50	Land Concession Management and Agricultural Integration	Hon Edwin Dikoloti (Acting Minister of Lands and Agriculture) Moderator: Mr Thabang Segaetsho, Great Plains Conservation (TBC)
11:50 - 12:00	Questions and Answers	ALL
12:00 - 12:30	Unlocking Botswana's next phase tourism growth: Emerging findings from the World Bank's tourism destination diagnostics	Mr. Mike Fabricius, Tourism Specialist Consultant: World Bank Group Moderator: Mr Mpaphi Tsholofelo, BB
12:30 - 12:40	Questions and Answers	ALL
12:40 -13:00	Infrastructure- (Air access and, Road permits)	Ministry of Transport & Infrastructure Moderator: Ms Tshepo Maphanyane, BOMAID (TBC)
13:00 - 13:10	Questions and Answers	ALL
13:10 - 14:00	LUNCH BREAK	All Delegates
14:00 - 16:00	SESSION THREE	
14:00 - 14:15	Gaming as a catalyst for tourism growth	Mr Moruntsi Kemorwale, Chief Executive Officer, Gambling Authority

		Moderator: Ms Boitshwarelo Lebang , BDC
14: 15- 14:25	Questions and Answers	ALL
14:25 – 14:45	The Case for Regulatory Impact Assessments	Ms. Kobamelo John, Department of Business Service, Ministry of Trade and Entrepreneurship Moderator: Mr Tafa Tafa , Wilderness Safaris
14:45 – 14:55	Questions and Answers	ALL
14:55-15:15	Supporting Tourism Competitiveness Through Professional Skills Development	Dr Tlamele Sekambo, Human Resource Development Council (HRDC) Moderator: Ms Thabani Ndlovu, Hilton Garden Inn Gaborone
15:15 – 16:00	SESSION FOUR: CLOSING SESSION	
15:15 – 15:35	Way forward	HATAB
15:35 – 15:45	Closing Remarks	HATAB Vice Chair
15:45	COCKTAIL	